

House Resolution No. 1154

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those local community-oriented institutions which admirably meet the diverse needs of citizenry in communities and neighborhoods throughout the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, Washington County Library has attained distinction down through the years since its inception in 1938 through the efforts of the Ladies Civic League and other service clubs; and

Whereas, first located in the basement of the Courthouse, Washington County Library opened for business on June 1, 1938, with a collection of donated books, many of which came from the St. Louis Public Library; and

Whereas, Washington County Library enjoyed notable successes through its participation in a 1947 bookmobile demonstration program sponsored by the Missouri State Library; the success of an April 6, 1948, election which recorded the largest percentage of majority for any person or issue in the history of the county; its seven year association with the Ozark Regional Library from August 16, 1948, to April 30, 1953; and its recent renovation program which involved the addition of a genealogy room in 2002; and

Whereas, Washington County Library has weathered several disasters in its history, including the total loss of the library's structure and contents to fire on March 30, 1965, and the destruction of the library by tornado on December 21, 1967; and

Whereas, today's Washington County Library is professionally run by Librarian Dorothy Lore under the leadership of a Board consisting of President Neil Richards, Vice President Gladys Koch, Treasurer Marie Edgar, Secretary Lois Douglas, and member Lindell Coleman in keeping with the rich heritage of the Old Mines community with its strong French influence and association with pioneers Moses Austin, an early lead miner, and his son, Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas":

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the expansion of the Washington County Library in 2002 and to convey to its leadership and patrons this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued stellar literary and genealogy services provided to local residents; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the new addition to the Washington County Library.

Offered by _____
Representative Belinda Harris
District No. 110

Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First

Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1154, adopted March 31, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker